

News of Petersburg

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Petersburg, Va., March 8.
To-morrow will be a big day at the new Methodist Memorial Church on West Washington Street—the day of the opening service in the church, when it will be occupied by the congregation of the old West Street Church. The congregation of West Street, with the Sunday school of over 400 officers, teachers and scholars, will assemble at the old church at 9 o'clock and head off by the pastor, the Rev. Lloyd C. Moore, will form in line and march to the new church. Before starting, however, the congregation and Sunday school will be photographed and will be photographed again on their arrival at the Memorial Church.

The opening service in the new church will be by the Sunday school, with interesting exercises, and an address by the Rev. F. C. Davis, a former pastor of West Street. At 11 o'clock regular worship will be held with the sermon by the Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., of Centenary Church, Richmond. Medial music and choir will be furnished by the choir of the church. At 12 o'clock a mass meeting will be held presided over by the presiding elder, Rev. J. K. Joliff, with addresses by several of the local clergy. At the night service the Rev. S. C. Hatcher, D. D., of Randolph Macon College, will preach.

The church plant complete cost something over \$23,000. The edifice is a beautiful structure, built of the finest gray brick and of the Colonial style of architecture. It stands on a pretty site, with its front yard turfed, concrete walkways leading to wide concrete steps which ascend to a large porch, on which stand four Corinthian columns, 12 feet in diameter and 22 feet high. There is a vestibule across the entire front, in which three double doors open into the main auditorium. Over the vestibule is a gallery, and the auditorium and gallery will seat approximately 1,000 people. The pews and all the furniture of the church are of mahogany and of handsome design. The floor is covered with Brussels carpet. The auditorium and Sunday school are on the same floor, separated by rolling partitions, and the two can be thrown into one. Arranged around the Sunday school room are ten class rooms, all of which can be thrown into the main room. The pastor's study and ladies' cloak rooms are in the rear of the pulpit. The entire building is heated by steam.

All of the services of the day will have special reference to the occasion of the opening.

LIQUOR SHIPMENTS STOPPED.

Express Company Will Not Receive Packages For South Carolina.
Superintendent Bull, of the Southern Express Company, in this city, has received orders to take no more packages of liquor consigned to individuals in South Carolina and to five counties in North Carolina. The South Carolina law prohibits the importation of liquor by individuals for private use in that State, and under the Webb law recently enacted by Congress the State law must be respected. The only liquor going into the State must be consigned to dispensaries. Liquor dealers in Petersburg had quite a large trade in consigned liquor for personal use. They also have a large trade with North Carolina.

DESIGN FOR ARCH ACCEPTED.

Will Be Erected as Memorial to Confederate Dead.
The Ladies' Memorial Association, at its meeting held yesterday afternoon, decided to accept the design submitted by Architect Murdin, for the stone arch to be erected in Blandford Cemetery as a memorial to the Confederate dead. The arch as designed is to be a massive granite structure twenty-six feet high, spanning the main avenue to Memorial Hill. It will cover a driveway and a walkway on either side. The top will be level, so that at a future time, should the association so decide, the arch will cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000. The association appointed a committee to look after the raising of the necessary fund, not proposing to go into debt for the memorial.

REUNION OF VETERANS.

Every Old Soldier in Petersburg Can Go to Gettysburg.
It is proposed to send every Petersburg Confederate veteran to the Gettysburg reunion, July 1-4, who desires to go. A. P. Hill Canal has appointed a committee, composed of T. S. Beckwith, Robert Gilliam, W. B. Harrison and Dr. William E. Harwood, to look after the raising of funds for the purpose, and last night A. P. Hill Camp, sons of Veterans, decided to aid in the matter and appointed a committee, consisting of Past Commanders P. H. Dwyer, T. E. Heath and S. D. Rodgers, to co-operate with the veterans in raising the necessary amount. A great many of the veterans will, of course, pay their own transportation to and from Gettysburg, and transportation will only be needed for those unable to pay for it. The city of Petersburg is expected to make an appropriation for the purpose. A. P. Hill Camp will be the special guest of a Philadelphia post, G. A. R., at the reunion.

HISTORICAL MEETING.

Will Be Held by Daughters of the Confederacy Monday.
The meeting on Monday of Petersburg Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be devoted mainly to history. The chapter will have with it Mrs. George Clark Holmes, of Charlotte, North Carolina, historian of the Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, who will deliver an address on the life and character of Jefferson Davis. The various Confederate organizations in the city have been invited to hear these addresses.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

Stockholders of Insurance Company Elect Directors.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Petersburg Savings Insurance Company was held yesterday, and highly satisfactory reports of the company's condition and of its operations for the past year were read. The old directors were unanimously re-elected, and the board re-elected all of the old officers and officials. Alexander Hamilton is the president; Fortunate Whittle, vice-president; P. M. Pollard, cashier, and George W. Plummer, assistant cashier.

DR. BOOKER ON WILSON.

Will Seek to Interpret Ideals and Purposes of New President.
The Rev. George E. Booker, D. D., pastor of Washington Street M. E. Church, will to-morrow evening discuss a matter of general interest. Attempt to interpret the Ideals and Purposes of Our New President From the Standpoint of Political Reform and Religious Progress. Dr. Booker is a great admirer of President Wilson and has been a close student of his plans and purposes, as revealed in his private and public utterances. He believes that he can with reasonable certainty offer a forecast of some things that will happen in the next few years.

DEATH OF AGED WOMAN.

Mrs. Mary C. Dance Passes Away in Her Ninetieth Year.
Mrs. Mary C. Dance, widow of David Dance, died this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George S. Hawkins, on West High Street. She was in her ninetieth year, was a Mexican War pensioner, and was the oldest member of Grace Episcopal Church. She was a woman of sweet and gentle character. Mrs. Dance is survived by three daughters—Mrs. J. S. Cannon, of Norfolk; Mrs. W. H. James and Mrs. George N. Hawkins, of this city—and several grand and great-grandchildren.

Election of Church Officers.

At the regular meeting of the diocese of the Second Presbyterian Church, officers for the year were elected, as follows: president, F. F. Thwaitt; vice-president, J. W. Thomas; secretary, Frank A. Owen; treasurer, of current expenses, C. E. Ridenour; treasurer of benevolence, John E. Crowder.

Head Camp Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Head Camp of Woodmen of the World in Virginia will be held in this city on the fourth and fifth of this month. The camps of the order in Petersburg intend to have appointed a joint committee to arrange for the reception and entertainment of the officers and delegates. An interesting program of singing and dancing, a feature of which will be the introduction of a class of 100 new members by one of the best drilled teams in the State.

Killed by Train.

A white man by the name of Briggs, from North Carolina, was hit and



WISE AND DRIVER HELD FOR MURDER

John E. Fittz, Injured by Assistant Fire Chief's Car, Dies in City Hospital.

HOLD INQUEST TO-MORROW

Fire Board Begins Inquiry, and Finds Car Was Going at Tremendous Speed.

John E. Fittz, who was fatally hurt Friday night when he was run down by the automobile of Second Assistant Fire Chief O. F. Wise, died from his injuries yesterday afternoon at 3:50 o'clock at the City Hospital. Chief Wise and his driver, Leslie R. Cornall, were rearrested by Detective Sergeant Wiltshire and formally charged with murder. With the permission of Judge D. C. Richardson, of the Hustings Court, both were bailed in the sum of \$1,000, furnished by Councilman Fred H. Powell, for their appearance in Police Court Wednesday morning. Coroner Taylor will conduct an inquest into the death of Mr. Fittz to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Fittz died without regaining consciousness after he had been hit by the swiftly moving car. That he did not die instantly was regarded as remarkable. Besides broken limbs and internal injuries, his head was apparently crushed by the terrific blow he received.

Hurled Into the Air.

According to witnesses, he was knocked five feet into the air, and struck on his face twenty feet away. He was covered with blood when he was picked up by citizens. Just how fast Cornall was driving the car is a matter yet to be determined, accounts of the accident varying.

Mr. Fittz, who was well-known in Richmond, having lived here for twenty years, was a native of Brunswick County, Va. He married twice, the second time about eight years ago, when Mrs. Matilda Weber became his wife. Besides his widow, he leaves eight children, as follows: Mrs. H. S. Gorman, of Westhampton; Mrs. E. C. Gilliam, of Lynchburg, Va.; Miss Sadie O. Fittz, of Jacksonville, Fla.; J. R. Fittz, of Birmingham, Ala.; G. C. Fittz, of Roby, Texas, and Thomas H. Fittz, of Memphis, Tenn.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from Centenary Methodist Church. Interment will be made in Riverview Cemetery.

Fire Board Begins Inquiry.

A special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon, at which there was a general discussion of possible plans for preventing similar occurrences, not being a recurrence of similar accidents. As an outcome Commissioner Lecky and Chief Joyner were appointed a committee to report to the board at its regular meeting Monday night what changes, if any, should be made in the rules of the department governing the operation of motor machinery. At the time of the meeting the information of the board that no one of the rest of the city. When a telephone order equivalent to a third alarm sounded the uptown engines to the box at Twelfth and Clay Streets, in the center of the hospital district, No. 5 engine and its tender started down Marshall Street. To avoid them and make more rapid time, the assistant chief's car went over to Broad Street, and raced eastward on the right-hand side of the street. The chief said he had told his driver more than once not to go too fast; that he would suspend him if he drove over twenty to twenty-five miles through the streets.

Not an Investigation.

President Charles F. Taylor made it plain that the meeting was in no sense an investigation of an occurrence now under inquiry by the courts, but was an immediate response on the part of the board to the general demand that whatever steps possible be taken to prevent similar occurrences.

Assistant Chief Wise made a very candid and complete statement for the benefit of the board. The fire was not in his district, but on the first alarm he went to No. 5 Engine House, at Marshall Street and Brook Avenue, to await developments and keep an eye on the rest of the city. When a telephone order equivalent to a third alarm sounded the uptown engines to the box at Twelfth and Clay Streets, in the center of the hospital district, No. 5 engine and its tender started down Marshall Street. To avoid them and make more rapid time, the assistant chief's car went over to Broad Street, and raced eastward on the right-hand side of the street. The chief said he had told his driver more than once not to go too fast; that he would suspend him if he drove over twenty to twenty-five miles through the streets.

Whitely Mill, Says Wise.

After crossing First Street chauffeur Cornall accelerated his speed to what Chief Wise thought was from thirty to thirty-five miles an hour, to Seventh. The chief kept busy with the big siren whistle, which could be heard for blocks, sounding it clearly before crossing the car tracks at both Seventh and Eighth Streets. All four headlights were blazing, throwing a clear beam of white light far ahead. The speed had been reduced to fifteen or twenty miles in crossing Eighth Street, when Mr. Fittz was seen to walk across the street from the Tragle Drug Store toward the Bijou Theatre, carrying bundles.

"I told Cornall to slow down—not to hit that man," said the assistant chief. "Just as we passed the building material in front of Murphy's Hotel, Cornall replied, 'I see the man.' Mr. Fittz turned, facing our car, and started forward, then jumped back, just as we hit him with our left lamp and mud guard. He was rolled over. I do not think he was thrown twenty feet, as has been described. I think Cornall was doing everything he could. If the man had gone on as he started, or had stood still, he would not have been hurt. He seemed to be startled, either by a cry or by the flash of our lights, and jumped back. I had much rather it had been no than the man who was hurt, or that we had turned into a telegraph pole rather than struck him."

Against Reckless Driving.

The minutes were read, showing that the board had rejected a resolution offered by Mr. Tyler last June directing that motor apparatus observe the city traffic law, and in lieu had adopted a resolution against reckless driving. Joyner did not think any special speed limit could be adopted. Conditions differed at different hours, because of different condition of the streets, and for different apparatus. Only last week he had instructed the chauffeur of the new motor hook and ladder truck, which, because of its enormous weight and great length is a peculiar menace, never to exceed fifteen miles, save when responding to an alarm from a hospital or factory building. It was one thing to drive through Main Street in business hours or Broad Street during the theatre rush, and another to

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ROUND TABLE TEAS REVIVED

Custom Was in Vogue During Cleveland Administration.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, March 8.—Round table teas, which were the vogue in Washington during the Cleveland administration, have been revived with the coming of another Democratic administration. Instead of the usual tea and sandwiches, the guests standing, seats are arranged around large tables, and the usual list of refreshments.

Mrs. Lamar Lipscomb, of Georgia, entertained at a round table tea this afternoon in honor of Mrs. Thomas Marshall, wife of the Vice-President.

Among those about the table were Senator and Mrs. Hoke Smith, Senator and Mrs. Keen, Mrs. Lucian H. Cocke, of Roanoke, Va.

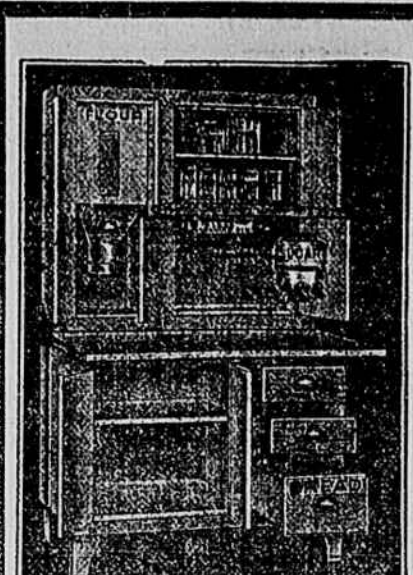
Another round table tea of the afternoon was given by Mrs. Charles Wellington Cobb in honor of Mrs. Franklin K. Lane, wife of the Secretary of the Interior. Among others around the table were Mrs. Frank Cobb, of San Francisco; Justice and Mrs. McKenna and Mrs. A. F. F. Reiter.

The Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Lane entertained at dinner this evening in honor of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Josephus Daniels.

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